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Talbots Abroad Period 8

Lesson #3 Getting What You Want (Please)

1. How do you say “Please” in your host culture?

The standard way of saying “Please” in my host culture is: “Min fadlik” (من فضل). You use this “Please” as in asking for something.

2. Are there any other ways to say “Please”? When are they used? List them here:

Although the word for “Please” is standard Arabic, you can also use spoken Arabic. Instead of saying “Min fadlik,” you can say “عafak.” This is just a more casual way of using the word please, and its okay to use in all the same situations for using the standard Arabic word for please. (Make sure you use the right tense for the verbs when asking/ what gender of the verbs you need to use)

There aren’t any special situations, but you can use it when you see something you like and want to buy it, ordering a food dish, or whenever you are passing by a souvenir shop and see the perfect gift for your friends back home. Once again, you use this “Please” (Min fadlik) whenever you are asking for something.

3. Are there any special situations where the word or phrase for “Please” can be used? (hint: check for “Quick Tips”)

When saying “Please” in my country, you have to add verbs in front of the expression “Mad fadlik,” changing its tense (use of verb) since you’re using it to ask for things. The verbs you use are “this,” “that,” and “these/those.” Also, you have to use masculine, feminine, and plural forms of these verbs for each person or group that you have to say please to (depends on who you’re talking to/ what form of verb you need to use for knowing when to use the ‘phrases’ to ask).

Masculine: Feminine: Plural:

‘Hada’ min fadlik- “This” ‘Hadi’ min fadlik- “This” ‘Hadu’ min fadlik- “These”

‘Hadak’ min fadlik’- “That” ‘Hadik’ min fadlik- “That” ‘Haduk’ min fadlik- “Those”